

IMMOBILIZATION SKILLS (TRACTION SPLINTING)

Start Time: _____

Stop Time: _____ **Date:** _____

Candidate's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

	Points Possible	Points Awarded
Takes, or verbalizes body substance isolation precautions	1	
Directs application of manual stabilization of the injured leg	1	
Directs the application of manual traction	1	
Assesses motor, sensory and circulatory function in the injured extremity	1	
Note: The examiner acknowledges “motor, sensory and circulatory function are present and normal”		
Prepares/adjusts splint to the proper length	1	
Positions the splint next to the injured leg	1	
Applies the proximal securing device (e.g...ischial strap)	1	
Applies the distal securing device (e.g...ankle hitch)	1	
Applies mechanical traction	1	
Positions/secures the support straps	1	
Re-evaluates the proximal/distal securing devices	1	
Note: The examiner acknowledges “motor, sensory and circulatory function are present and normal”		
Note: The examiner must ask the candidate how he/she would prepare the patient for transportation		
Verbalizes securing the torso to the long board to immobilize the hip	1	
Verbalizes securing the splint to the long board to prevent movement of the splint	1	
Total:	14	

Critical Criteria

_____ Loss of traction at any point after it was applied.

_____ Did not reassess motor, sensory and circulatory function in the injured extremity before and after splinting.

_____ The foot was excessively rotated or extended after splint was applied.

_____ Did not secure the ischial strap before taking traction.

_____ Final Immobilization failed to support the femur or prevent rotation of the injured leg.

_____ Secured the leg to the splint before applying mechanical traction.

Note: If the Sagar splint or the Kendricks Traction Device is used without elevating the patient's leg, application of manual traction is not necessary. The candidate should be awarded one (1) point as if manual traction were applied.

Note: If the leg is elevated at all, manual traction must be applied before elevating the leg. The ankle hitch may be applied before elevating the leg and used to provide manual traction.